

<b>DISPATCH</b>		CLASSIFICATION S-E-C-R-E-T	DISPATCH SYMBOL AND NO OSMA-12,409
TO Chief of Station, [ ]	INFO Chief of Station, [ ] : Chief, [ ]; Chief, IO Chief of Station, [ ] : Chief, [ ]		HEADQUARTERS FILE NO [ ]
FROM Chief of Station, [ ]	DATE 12 May 1961		RE: "43" (CHECK "X" ONE)
SUBJECT [ ] Operational [ ] Leon DROGELLE		X MARKED FOR INDEXING NO INDEXING REQUIRED	
ACTION REQUIRED See below		INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED BY QUALIFIED HQ. DESK ONLY	
REFERENCE(S) A. OSMA-7365, 6 March 1961 (Not sent [ ]) B. [ ]-75765, 10 May 1961 (Not sent [ ])			
<p>1. On 8 May 1961 [ ] returned from Andalusia where he had been working in a security escort capacity for the "Caudillo" during the month of April. On the same date [ ] and the writer had an operational meeting at the Curia Restaurant in Madrid from 1430 hours to 1600 hours. Since he had been absent for one month, he had numerous reports for the writer; among these was a copy of a [ ] report from Madrid on Leon DROGELLE that [ ] had received during the course of his duties in Sevilla. The following is a translation of this report.</p> <p>SUBJECT: Plan to Kidnap Leon DROGELLE</p> <p>"A. The Jews have been planning the kidnapping of Leon DROGELLE. They plan to abduct him in the same manner by which EICHMANN was abducted in Buenos Aires and with the intention of making him appear in the trial of EICHMANN in Tel Aviv. It appears they are trying to abduct ex-Nazi chiefs in a spectacular manner for political and vindictive purposes.</p> <p>"B. The plotters of the kidnapping of DROGELLE belong to the Israeli Secret Service and have been personally in contact, or at least have had contact, with a group of Jews in Hamburg who influence the German magazine 'Der Stern'; and according to what is said, they plan to abduct DROGELLE with a plane, exactly like they did with EICHMANN. In the EICHMANN operation they counted on Soviet collaboration; Russian agents were the ones who identified and discovered the true identity of EICHMANN.</p> <p>"C. It is also said that the Jewish agents are trying to locate and detain other Nazi leaders like EICHMANN in order to abduct them. It is advisable that DROGELLE be watched and guarded, above all during the period of the EICHMANN trial.</p> <p>"D. The Israeli operation consists in carrying out sensational abductions, like that of EICHMANN, in order to fulfill their vengeance, to get the most out of the propaganda, and to complicate by any way possible the international relations and the internal politics of certain countries.</p> <p>"E. We have received a report that a rather strange group of Belgians has arrived in Sevilla. It is led by a son of the Director General of the Belgian Intelligence Service, Mr. WOOT de Trixhe. The father (the Director General) is the man who entered Spain with false documentation three years ago to look for DROGELLE. The son and his companions are thinking, at least theoretically, of staying and working in the 'Sociedad de Electricidad y Electrotecnica Philco' at the American base in Bota and Constantina. They have a Studebaker automobile of 8 cylinders. It is not known if they have work permits or residence permits, nor where they are staying. However, it is certain that they arrived in Sevilla."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Madrid, 14 April 1961</p> <p>2. The writer indicated no more than a normal interest in this piece of information and indicated no unusual interest in Subject or his activities. The writer mentioned that in years gone by EICHMANN, [ ] had heard from [ ] and [ ] that DROGELLE was living in the Sevilla area. [ ] confirmed this and stated that he still resides in a finca near the town of Constantina which is some 70 kilometers from Sevilla. He reportedly lives under true name, and his</p>			
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presence in the area is fairly widely known. [ ] also volunteered the information that Subject has a security guard of plainclothes detectives from the [ ] office in Sevilla. [ ] implied that these security escorts are supplied by the Spanish Government free of charge and also stated that DEGRELLIE does not normally requester himself at his finca at all times but travels occasionally to different parts of Spain. [ ] stated that he had heard that Subject had been in Madrid during the past two weeks on a short visit. He did not know if DEGRELLIE had returned to Constantina or not. Constantina is a small, isolated town located approximately 70 kilometers north northeast of Sevilla in the Sierra Morena mountain range, with only one third- or fourth-class road leading to it.

3. [ ] also reported that while he was in Sevilla the local [ ] office had called in the local AF/OSI representative in that area to assist them in the DEGRELLIE case since one of their suspects,

*Jacques WOOT de Trixhe, Belgian national, arrived in Sevilla  
Spain, 6 April 1961*

was working under contract for the USAF at San Pablo Air Force Base near Sevilla. The writer informed [ ] that he had not heard anything about this AF/OSI investigation.

4. AF/OSI at Torrejon Air Force Base was contacted by the writer on 10 May 1961 and supplied the following information on the case. AF/OSI stated their resident agent in the Sevilla area had been contacted by the local [ ] in late April 1961 and had been asked for background information on one Jacques WOOT de Trixhe, a Belgian national working under contract for the USAF. AF/OSI determined that Subject resides at Calle Brazil 8, Sevilla, Spain and listed his permanent address as Avenue de la Joyeuse Entree, Brussels, Belgium. They also determined that he is a subcontractor employee of the Philco Corporation and was hired through the Tech/Rep Services S.A., which is a subsidiary of the Philco Corporation, located on Avenue "D", Fribourg, Switzerland. WOOT arrived in Sevilla, Spain on 6 April 1961 and is presently working in electronics maintenance at San Pablo Air Force Base, Sevilla, and at the USAF Aircraft Control and Warning site at Constantina, Spain. WOOT is contracted to work in the area for approximately nine months. He brought a 1952 Studebaker Champion to Spain with him.

5. AF/OSI representatives also stated that Leon DEGRELLIE is presently in Madrid, having arrived here from Constantina on or about 3 May 1961. They further stated that their [ ] contacts were treating this case as Top Secret and were very reluctant to pass on any information on DEGRELLIE's whereabouts in Madrid. This reluctance on the part of the [ ] to discuss the whereabouts of DEGRELLIE is understandable since the [ ] organization is still trying to explain how General SALAN and his French rightist friends escaped from [ ] surveillance on 22 April 1961 and fled to Algeria. Because of this incident it is believed by KUBARK, [ ] that the [ ] will probably assign some of its best agents to this case to prevent another embarrassment to the Spanish Government.

6. KUBARK, Madrid would like to reiterate that since the receipt of references we have not made any approaches to the local Spanish services to obtain information as to Subject's whereabouts. Several years ago some mention of DEGRELLIE and other political refugees of his type were made to [ ] [ ] at the time, stated that as far as he knew DEGRELLIE was still holed up in Constantina, Spain and would probably stay there until he died since the Spanish Government could not get any other country to admit him. We have not had any news of DEGRELLIE's activities since that time.

7. Since the AF/OSI is presently in contact with the [ ] organization on this case, we will continue to obtain the results of their joint investigation and will pass on pertinent information to addressees. KUBARK will not ask liaison for information on this case unless they voluntarily come to us for traces of their suspect [ ]

[ ] Station file traces on [ ] revealed that one [ ] was a High official in the Belgian I.S. on 27 April 1951. (See USNW-1346, 12 June 1951) No other details re this Subject were given. [ ]

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Station would appreciate receiving any information addressees may have on  
Subject and the ☐ family.

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